Drug Demand Reduction Program

Did You Know?

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

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According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 33,561 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2012, and 10,322 of those fatalities occurred in drunk-driving-related crashes. More than one in five crash fatalities that year occurred in a crash that involved a drunk driver with a BAC at or above .15, - almost double the legal limit. You're not above the law—drunk driving will cost you.





In every state, it's illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, but some people seem to think they're above the law. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. There's no happy holiday ending to drunk driving. The risks just aren't worth it; you could find yourself in the back of a police car headed to jail, or worse—you could kill someone or end up seriously injured or dead yourself. Some drivers think they can just refuse a breathalyzer test if they get pulled over, and avoid the consequences of a DUI. Not true. In many jurisdictions, refusing to take a breath test results in immediate arrest, the loss of your driver's license, and the impoundment of your vehicle.

Consider the legal and financial costs of driving while impaired. You not only face jail time, the loss of your driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work—there's also the added humiliation and consequences of telling family, friends and supervisor of your arrest.

Before you attend that party make a plan to get home safely. If you plan on drinking, designate a sober driver ahead of time and leave your keys at home, or program the phone number of a friend or AADD service to your phone.

Before you take your first sip of alcohol, have your plan in place. If you wait until you're too impaired to drive, you're more likely to make an impaired decision. Alcohol affects your judgment, so you might think you're "okay to drive" when you're not. Even one drink can impair your judgment and reaction time and increase the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk—or worse, having a crash.

Help others be responsible, too. If someone you know is drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. They'll thank you for it.

Call the police if you see someone driving drunk. It is your business. Getting drunk drivers off the roads saves lives. Keep your holidays happy and safe. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

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